Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 8,742.

(*b*)

Allopathy	479
Ayurveda	3,839
Sidha	724
Homeopathy	518
Dentistry	139
Unani	26
Total	5,725

(*c*) The remaining applications are pending disposal as certain irregularities pointed out in respect of them have not been rectified by the applicants.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether all these 3.000 applications were not registered due to defects in the applications.

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Sultan Mohiadheen : (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : May I know how many Siddha Vaidyans applied for registration ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : I have not got the figures with me just now.

Distribution of milk powder.

242. **Mr. G. Ravi Varma** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have passed any order for distributing condensed milk and milk powder along with rationed sugar among the people of the State at any time this year or last year;

(*b*) whether they are aware that compulsory distribution of the stuff was done in many parts of the State by the authorities ;

(*c*) whether the milk powder issued was tested and certified by any competent authority at the time of distribution that it was fit for human consumption ; and

(*d*) whether they have received any complaints with regard to the distribution of the same ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar : (*a*) Instructions were originally issued to release skimmed milk to hotel keepers along with sugar as a supplementary food stuff of nutritive value.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Milk powder which was unfit for human consumption was not released for sale but withdrawn and condemned.

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[Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar]

(*d*) Yes ; (the complaints were enquired into and all stock of milk powder of doubtful quality was withdrawn from the merchants.)

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether the Government are aware that such stuffs were distributed compulsorily along with sugar ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Not compulsorily.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether the Government are aware that it was distributed compulsorily in Attingal town by the Municipal Commissioner ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: A report was received from the Tahsildar and immediately orders were passed for testing the skimmed milk, and all the quantities which were distributed were withdrawn.

Ayurvedic Hospitals.

243. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any Ayurvedic Hospitals in the State ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the number of such hospitals ; and

(*c*) whether every Revenue Division has got a hospital ;

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two Government Hospitals and five grant-in-aid Hopitals

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether Government have any idea to start in 1122, an Ayurvedic hospital ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: No, Sir.

Ayurvedic Medicines.

244. **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that the prices of Ayurvedic medicines sold in grant-in-aid and other private Vaidyasalas show marked variations ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Government have no information.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know whether any enquiry was made regarding this matter at least subsequent to the receipt of my interpellation ?

Mr. V. Ramanuja Aiyangar: No enquiry was made but a report was called for from the Hon. Director of Ayurveda. He says he has not received any complaints. If the member wants an enquiry to be conducted, Government have no objection.

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